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IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF : Willibald Kraus
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DECLARATION OF DANIEL G. BLACKHURST

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Daniel G. Blackhurst (PTO Registration No. 24,039) hereby declare the following:

1. I represented TRW United-Carr GmbH & Co., K.G. ("TRW") in connection with prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,105,731 granted on April 21, 1992 ("the '731 patent").
2. The '731 patent is the U.S. counterpart of German application Serial No. 4002052 filed January 24, 1990.
3. I filed the above-referenced reissue application

in connection with the '731 patent on behalf of TRW, the assignee.

4. A reason that subject matter intended by the applicant to be claimed was not claimed in the '731 patent is that errors in the process of placing the claimed, originally in the German language in conformance with U.S. patent practice occurred. For example, the original German language version of the application claimed, in essence, that an inner frame is fastened to an outer housing by at least one clamping connection. I inadvertently omitted this language from application claim 1 when I placed the translated language in conformance with U.S. patent practice. Thus, reissue application claim 14 now recites first and second clip connections.

5. Another reason errors occurred, and that subject matter was not claimed, is that I agreed to cancel application claim 1 in order to gain allowance of other claims. However, I did not fully appreciate that the subject matter of application claim 1 was sought to be patented by the applicant. That is the reason claim 16 has been added to the present reissue application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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